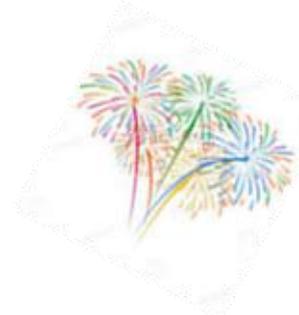




Firework Night – Friday 5th November!



So, it's just over 2 weeks until the Saxon Firework Spectacular. Online ticket sales are going very well, if you haven't purchased your tickets, you can do so via Eventbrite. Tickets are limited so please don't miss out.

Raffle: firstly a big thank you to all the parents and to Shelly, HSLW, who have got involved with the raffle in the past 2 weeks. We're hoping you have all received your raffle tickets, these were sent home in book bags on Wednesday and Thursday this week. If you have not received yours, please let your class rep know.

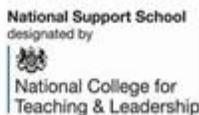


We are very happy to announce that Bazely and Co are supporting our fireworks event again this year and have very generously donated £250 worth of prizes. These include:

Harry Potter Lego Set worth £130 (Hogwarts Chamber of Secrets), £25.00 Voucher for The Entertainer, Science Museum Mechanics Police Car, Lol Surprise Colour Change Bubbly, Lego Friends Bakery, Lego City Stake Park, Lego Minecraft Bees Farm and more.



We have lots of other great prizes, see the poster above, please make sure you return your raffle tickets with the money by Monday 1st November to school.



Volunteers: please remember to sign up for your class stall. The fireworks event is Saxon's biggest fundraiser, we sell over 1000 tickets so any help you can give would be amazing. Stalls run from 5.30-7:30pm on the night. Helpers to clear down after are always needed too, please.

Pupil Voice Survey

We are keen to gather from the children their feedback about their time at school, what they think of the provision and what they think we can do to improve. Please take a couple of minutes to complete this form with your child/ren over half term. It is important to us that each child's voice is heard and each child feels they have the opportunity to share their feedback. The younger children will require some support but please do your best to make sure it is their answers recorded and in their own words as much as possible. Thank you for your support.

<https://forms.gle/ndj7TsZ28SD5TRKz8>

Year 5 Harvest Assembly

Our Year 5 classes performed brilliantly this week to their family members in their Harvest assembly. The children shared important messages about sharing, giving and being thankful, intertwined with some beautiful singing. Thank you to Mrs Stewart and the Year 5 team for enabling the children to perform so well.

Thank you also to everyone who donated to our Harvest collection. There was a staggering amount of food items brought in; they were collected by Jubilee Church yesterday afternoon and will be distributed in the local community soon.

Black History Month

Throughout October, the children have been learning about the achievements of key black figures in history and of present times and how they have contributed to society around the world, with the aim of supporting their understanding of and ability to challenge discrimination and racism. The people the children have learnt about include: Rosa Parks, Floella Benjamin, John Boyega, Mary Seacole, Martin Luther King Jr, Simone Biles, Henry 'Box' Brown, Aretha Franklin, Marcus Rashford, Barack Obama, Matthew Henson and many, many more. Are there names here you don't recognise? Why not ask your child to share who they learnt about with you over half term!

Learning has taken place throughout the curriculum including in KS2 music lessons. Year 4 particularly have been learning about the director of 'The Wiz', Geoffrey Holder. The Wiz (1978) is an all-black version of The Wizard of Oz. It was way ahead of its time and paved the way for so many future black artists. It won many major awards and is now seen as an historic part of theatrical black history. Year 4 learnt the song 'Ease on Down the Road' including some of the choreography. Year 6 have been learning about racism in football and have read poems from 'Beautifully different, wonderfully the same' to explore this learning. Year 5 have been learning about Barbara Hillary who was the first black American to reach both the north and south poles. In Reception, as well as considering what the children are proud of they have been thinking about the statements 'It is ok to...' and 'I am brave...'. In class and in assemblies, the children have also been sharing things that make them proud to be them. We had reasons such as: being a lovely person, being a good big brother, being one of the only girls on a football or cricket team and being a good friend. It has been wonderful to hear the children express the things they are proud of to their friends and teachers.

Other SSA News

We will be taking part in the Christmas Card project again after half term. During the first week back, the children will create their own Christmas Card which will be turned into cards, mugs and other items for you to purchase. Look out for more info after half term.

Happy Bag bags were sent home this week. Please bring all donation bags into school on the 3rd November; they can be left at either gate in the morning. The more you donate, the more we raise for the school!

School Meals

The cost for school meals for Autumn II will be £85.70. The weekly price is £12.25. Please make payment in advance of meals taken. Should you wish to change your child from packed lunches to school dinners (or visa-versa) you will need to fill in an online change of meal preference form on the website

<https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/form/?pid=140&form=16>

Bonfire Special Meal

On Friday 5th November we would like to invite all children who normally have a home packed lunch to enjoy a special Bonfire Dinner. Menu attached.

To order a meal for your child who normally has a packed lunch please complete the online form by clicking on this link: <https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/form/?pid=140&form=20>

Payment should be made in advance on Scopay for all Year 3-6 children not entitled to Free School Meals. For those of you that haven't paid for a school dinner on Scopay before, please click on Account Balances, Dinner Money, Top-Up Balance, then add the amount that is owed (£2.45) to the basket, click on basket and then checkout. Children already on School Dinners will be given this menu on the day so you do not need to fill in the online form. The order deadline will be **Tuesday 2nd November at 11am** and requests will not be accepted after this date and time.

KS2 Times Tables Rockstar Battle – Week Beginning 8th November

The first battle of the year kicks off on Monday 8th November against Echelford as part of our Maths Week England celebrations! Saxon are reigning champions, having won all of the LLT battles last year so we want to get off to a good start this year. The children will be given all the details in advance in school but they can start practicing over half term!

Children in Need

This year, Saxon will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 19th November. To support making a difference for children in the UK, the children can wear something spotty as an accessory to their school uniform on the 19th. This could be socks, a tie, a hairband or cardigan, or even just a pair of Pudsey ears! We don't expect families to purchase items especially so if you don't have something spotty, perhaps you can borrow from a friend or alternatively, the children can wear something colourful. In return, we ask parents for a donation which will be made online, directly to Children in Need. This will be via a QR code you can scan with your phone to enable you to pay directly; this will be shared nearer the time. We will not be collecting cash on the day.



Pastoral Team Coffee Mornings

Shelly Lumb, HSLW, and Mrs Tomlins, ELSA, will be holding two coffee mornings next half term. All families are welcome to attend. This is an informal coffee morning and the opportunity to meet and chat with other parents. The dates are Friday 19th November and Tuesday 14th December, both from 8:50-9:50am in the After School Club room.



Volunteer Training

Volunteer training is held once a term. The next training will be at 9am on Thursday 20th January 2022. Please make a note in your diary if you would like to be able to help out in school.

Secondary School Applications

A reminder that our Year 6 parents need to submit their secondary school applications by **31st October 2021**. However, parents are recommended to apply by Friday 22nd October 2021 as this is the Friday before half term holiday. Please visit the Surrey County Council website for more details <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/apply>

Job Opportunities

Walton Oak Primary School are looking for an enthusiastic and inspirational Class Teacher. Please find the full advert on <https://www.eteach.com/job/ks1-class-teacher-1183793>

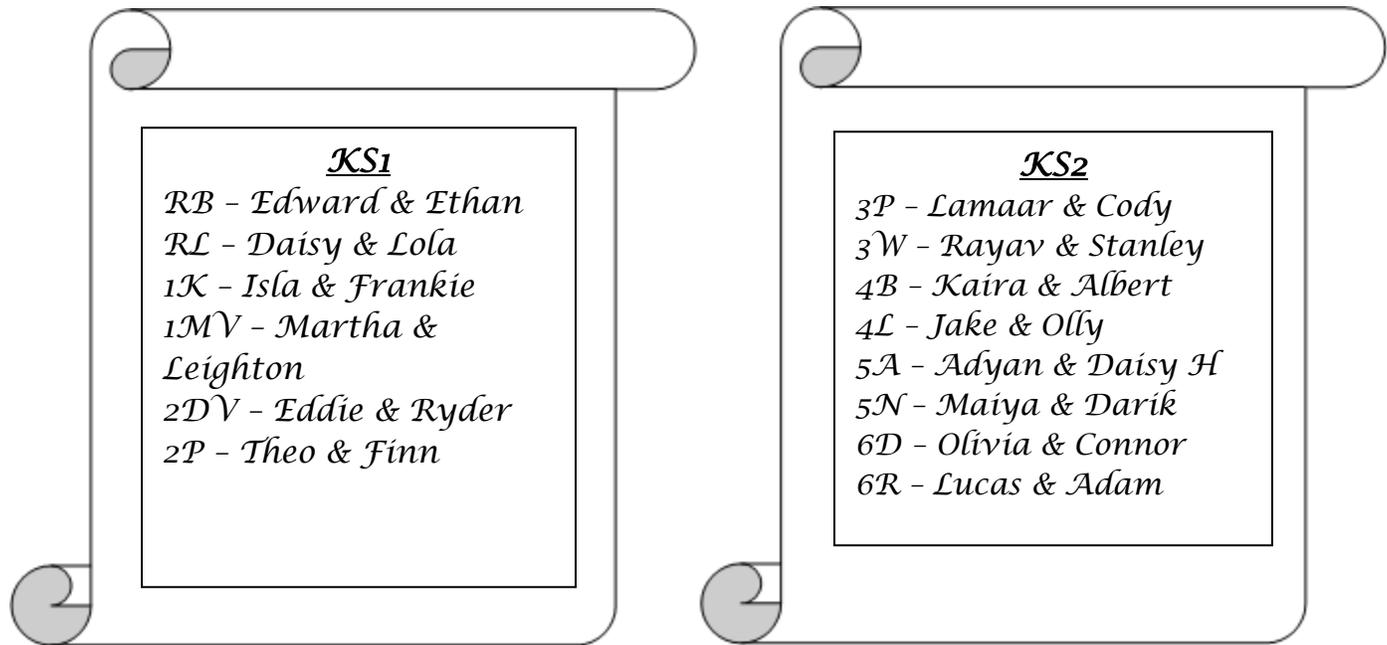
Darley Dene Primary School are looking to appoint an SEN teaching assistant. Working hours are 8.30am-3.20pm (6.33 hours daily, 31.65 hours weekly, 39 weeks per year). For full details about this vacancy and to apply please use the following link: <https://www.eteach.com/job/sen-ta-1184105>

Surrey County Council are currently recruiting instructors for their Bikeability courses. All information can be found here: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=17984>

Attachments

Bonfire Special Dinner Menu

Golden Learning Celebration



Stay on Green



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Jacob (RB); Martha (1MV); Joseph & Jacob (2P); Phoebe (3W); Blake & Nathaniel (4B); Finn (4L) and Levi (6D) very well done to all of these children!

Wishing you all a lovely half term holiday,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Scroll down for SSA posters and other info...

Saxon Fireworks Spectacular!

Friday 5th November 2021

Doors open from 17:30

At Saxon
Primary
School,
Briar Road,
TW17 0JB

Chocolate Tombola ■ Food
Sparklers ■ Neons ■ Bar
Funfair Rides ■ Tuck Shop

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SAXON'S FIREWORK NIGHT BAKE OFF!



Put your baking skills towards a good cause and help us raise funds on Firework Night for the children's sensory garden

There will be a first, second and third prize for cakes in the following age groups:

- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
- Years 3 & 4
- Years 5 & 6
- Adults

Entries need to be delivered to school by 9am on Friday 5th November to be judged in the category of 'Best Design & Presentation' by Miss Morris with the support of the Senior Leadership Team. All cakes will then be sold at our Firework event that evening.

Winners for each category will be displayed on the Bake Off stall and prizes handed to the children/adults on the night or in school the following week.

GET BAKING!

Please provide us with the ingredients used in each cake so that we can display allergy information for everyone on the night

SAXON RAFFLE PRIZES

6x Jack's fish and chips vouchers!

Kidabulous Voucher

Harry Potter Lego set

Swarovski Heart Necklace

£20 voucher for The Goat

Red Lion Voucher

18 Golf balls

& MANY MORE!

Family Photography session

Be sure to grab your raffle tickets for a chance at these INCREDIBLE prizes with a special thanks to **Bazely** for their generous contribution!

SAXON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS



12
Oct

YR1 & YR2 CARTOON CLUB

Children will be able to watch a cartoon in their classrooms after school with snacks and juice provided.

CHOCOLATE MUFTI DAY

Bring in some chocolate to wear your own clothes to school. Donations will be used as prizes for the chocolate tombola on the school fireworks night!

15
Oct

5
Nov

SAXON FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR!

Our annual fireworks event is back! Save the date and join us for a memorable night of food, fun & fireworks.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the date - KS1 & KS2 class parties will take place. details to follow.

16
Dec

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about SOCIAL BOTS

WHAT ARE SOCIAL BOTS?

Bots are computer-generated accounts which sit on social media, masquerading as humans. While many are harmless or even have good intentions, others are designed to extort, sell products, spread propaganda or bully human users. Bots – short for ‘robots’, of course – are often confused with state-funded troll accounts; the two can be difficult to tell apart. However, if the results are the same, then both should be treated similarly.

KNOWING THE RISKS

ASTROTURFING

Propaganda and conspiracy theories are usually niche interests on social media. But with an army of thousands of bots amplifying posts through retweets and shares, people can make their messages travel further and appear to reflect mainstream opinion. Known as ‘astroturfing’, this can make children more susceptible to questionable beliefs.

CYBERBULLYING

Bots can be set to hunt for certain search terms or opinions and then automatically reply aggressively to anybody who uses them in a message. This means that if your child posts something that whoever programmed the bot doesn't like, they may be deluged with angry messages from fake accounts – which can be overwhelming and comparable to cyberbullying.

EXTORTION

Criminals use bots to trap users into sextortion or online blackmail scams. The bot cultivates a flirtatious online relationship with the victim, then persuades them into a video chat during which they are tricked into posting inappropriately or carrying out a sexual act. This footage is recorded, and threats are then made to release it to the victim's friends and family unless money is paid.

SHADY SELLING

Bots are often used for illicit advertising – that is, they spam social media platforms with links to commercial websites. Additionally, some unscrupulous influencers have been found to use bots to artificially inflate their number of followers and the engagement with their account – making them seem more popular and therefore able to charge companies more to work with them.

SPOTTING THE SIGNS ...

BEWARE PROLIFIC POSTING

Bots post a superhuman amount of content. A visit to their profile usually proves they're responding to people far faster than a human could. Check their join date and number of followers. If the account has been around for ages and still doesn't have any friends, it probably isn't a real person. A brand-new page is also a red flag.

NOTICE ODD USERNAMES

Finding a social media username that isn't taken can be difficult. People often end up with their name and some numbers – but not the way bots do it. A username like johnsmith5273 is either a sign of a random number generator or a site offering an unwieldy alternative because the preferred name is taken, which isn't something most humans would accept.

VERIFY PROFILE PICS

Check a user's authenticity by investigating their profile picture: bots obviously don't have faces, so they tend to skim publicly available to try to fool people. Put suspicious pics through a reverse-image search like TinEye – you might find they actually belong to someone else or are stock images.

CHECK THE CONTENT

Bots can't think for themselves and usually just exist to amplify somebody else's message. Try copying and pasting the text into the search function on Twitter, for example, and see if it's being said anywhere else. If a lot of similar-looking accounts are saying the same thing, you're probably looking at a bot army.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SPOT THE BOTS

Forewarned is forearmed, so if your children aren't that familiar with the world of bots yet, explain what to look for using the tips in this guide. At the moment, most bots still aren't that sophisticated – so finding accounts which are designed purely to troll people or spread misinformation isn't hugely difficult, even for an untrained eye.

BLOCK AND MOVE ON

Your child isn't obliged to be friends with anyone online, bot or not. Pretty much every social media app has a block button, and you should encourage your child to use it whenever something or someone is making their digital lives less than pleasant. If everyone blocked malicious bots rather than engaging them, they wouldn't pose a problem.

BE SUSPICIOUS

While many people have made lifelong friends over the internet, it's important not to be too trusting. Random strangers adding you on Facebook could well be bots, so do some background checks: do they have any mutual friends? Is it a new account? Even if everything seems fine, encourage your child to be cautious: warn them of potential risks.

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